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MINISTRY OF LAW

(Legislative Department)

New Delhi, the 7th August, 1968|Sravana 16, 1890 (Saka)

The following President's Act is published for general information:—

THE BENGAL VAGRANCY (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1968

No 23 OF 1968

Enacted by the President in the Nineteenth Year of the
Republic of India.

An Act further to amend the Bengal Vagrancy Act, 1943.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the West
Bengal State Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1968, the
President is pleased to enact as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Bengal Vagrancy (Amendment) Act, 1968.

2. In section 2 of the Bengal Vagrancy Act, 1943 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), after clause (1), the following section 2.

clause shall be inserted, namely:—

‘(1a) “Board of Visitors” means a Board of Visitors established under sub-section (1) of section 13A;’.

3. After section 13 of the principal Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

“13A. (1) For every receiving centre and every vagrants' home, the State Government shall establish a Board of Visitors, constituted in such manner and consisting of such number of members as may be prescribed.

(2) A Board of Visitors may visit the receiving centre or the vagrants' home for which it is established and record its comments on any matter it may think fit pertaining to the working of the receiving centre or the vagrants' home for the consideration of the officer in charge thereof and for this purpose, any member of the Board of Visitors shall have the right to visit such receiving centre or vagrants' home at any time between the hours of sunrise and sunset.

(3) Copies of comments recorded by a Board of Visitors under sub-section (2) shall, as soon as may be after they are recorded, be forwarded by the officer in charge of the receiving centre or the manager of the vagrants' home, as the case may be, to the Board.”.

4. In sub-section (2) of section 28 of the principal Act, after clause (h), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(hh) the manner in which a Board of Visitors may be constituted under sub-section (1) of section 13A and the number of members which a Board of Visitors may consist of;”.

Amendment
of section 28

ZAKIR HUSAIN,
President.

V. N. BHATIA,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

CORRIGENDUM

In the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 1, on page 351, for “NEW DELHI, FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 1968” read “NEW DELHI, FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 1968”.

Reasons for the enactment

Section 3 of the Bengal Vagrancy Act, 1943 provides, *inter alia*, that the State Government shall establish a Board to be called the Vagrancy Advisory Board. In pursuance of the aforesaid provision, a Vagrancy Advisory Board has already been established by the Government of West Bengal and it is composed of eleven officials and six non-officials as its members. Although it is provided in sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Act that any member of the Board may enter and inspect at any time any receiving centre or vagrants' home, yet, the receiving centres and the vagrants' homes are so widely dispersed that it is hardly possible for the Vagrancy Advisory Board to look into the details of the working of each receiving centre or vagrants' home thoroughly. In the course of administration of the receiving centres and vagrants' homes it has been felt by the Government of West Bengal that if a Board of Visitors could be attached with each centre or home the efficiency in regard to its day to day management could be much improved. With this end in view it is proposed to amend the Bengal Vagrancy Act, 1943 (Bengal Act VII of 1943) suitably so as to provide for the establishment of a Board of Visitors for every receiving centre and every vagrants' home.

2. The proposed measure seeks to achieve the above object.
3. The Committee constituted under the proviso to sub-section (2) of section 3 of the West Bengal State Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1968 (6 of 1968) has been consulted before the enactment of this measure as a President's Act.

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